

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

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SKETCHES  
OF  
LEGISLATORS  
AND  
STATE OFFICERS

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REPRESENTATIVE H. M. BURROWS, one of the three representatives from the counties of the Eleventh Representative District, is a native of Kentucky, from which State he emigrated to Texas twenty-four years ago. He is fifty-five years old, a married man, and resides in Bowie county, where he is interested in farming.

Upon the breaking out of the war he entered the Confederate service, and served as

a captain in Gen. Wm. Steele's seventh regiment of Texas cavalry. In Magruder's gunboat attack upon Galveston, in which the Federals were driven from that city, and the place successfully reoccupied by the Confederates, he held the rank of Major, aboard the gunboat Neptune. This attack was one of the most brilliant, as well as signally victorious of the war. The Confederate fleet descended upon Galveston at daybreak, and was supported by infantry, landed during the night on the island, westward of the city. The gallant band, after a sharp fight, and in the harbor some hand-to-hand encounters, captured a part of the Federal fleet, drove the rest away in dismay, and took possession of the city and harbor.

Mr. Burrows is a Democrat, and was one of the party nominees of his district. He received not only the opposition of the Republicans, but had to contend with some disaffection in his own party. Yet he was elected by a large majority.